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Title: Method and Apparatus for Coupling a Multimode Laser to a Multimode Fiber

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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SIR:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, dated November 19, 2002, Applicants submit the following Remarks.

REMARKS

The present application was filed on February 29, 2000 with claims 1 through 16. Claims 1 through 16 are presently pending in the above-identified patent application. The Examiner has indicated that claim 16 has been readmitted and is pending in the application, following Applicants traversal of the restriction requirement.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-6, 8-13 and 15-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Head et al. (United States Patent No. 5,436,990) in view